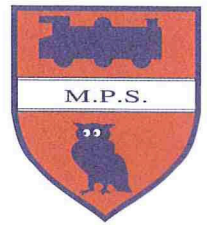


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MS SAM WILLIAMS  
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18 March 2020,

Dear Parent / Carer,

We felt it important to give you an update on our planning to address the challenges presented by the spread of Coronavirus. We would like to assure all parents that we are committed to the well-being of all children and staff within our school community. We are taking advice from the Government to ensure that we have the most up to date and accurate information and are taking the appropriate measures.

We are following government advice about handwashing guidelines and videos of which we have shared with the children, to ensure good hand hygiene. Cleaning staff have been deployed to increase the cleaning of all touch-surfaces such as door handles.



As of yesterday, the Government have no plans to close any schools, however should we be advised to do so by Public Health England and/or the Government we will have adequate contingency plans in place, which will be suitable for all families, to ensure that students' learning can continue at home with as minimal disruption as possible.



The school leadership team are planning for a range of different potential scenarios; these include partial closure of the school to limit the number of children in the building or to accommodate high levels of staff absence. We will prioritise the needs of Year 6 children who will shortly be taking SATs. Potentially, the closure of the school for a limited period is also a possibility and we are completing plans to issue work for children via the website. If you do not have internet access at home, work packs will be available on request.



The current advice from the Standards and Testing Agency (STA) is to continue to prepare for examinations and other assessments as normal. As would be expected, the STA is working with the DfE. They are also planning for a range of scenarios. Their overriding priorities are fairness and keeping disruption to a minimum. During this time, we ask that you continue to follow the school procedures for absence and ask all children to continue as normal. Please follow the NHS 111 online assessment if you have concerns about your child's health.



We have taken the decision to cancel all trips, visits and extra-curricular activities until further notice. Parents Evenings will also be postponed until further notice.

As we will need to communicate updates via text, it is important that all parents/carers ensure that we hold your current contact details. If you believe that we do not hold your correct details, or wish to confirm this, please contact the school as soon as possible.



As this is an unprecedented situation, it is important that we share our planning so that you are aware of our response and can be reassured we are doing all we can for our community. We will continue to keep you updated as directed by the Government.



Thank you for your support during this challenging time,

Sam Williams  
Headteacher



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